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This is a correction to UA 173/93 (ASA 21/06/93) issued on 27 May 1993 - Health Concern/Fear of Torture

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR: Xanana Gusmão, 45, leader of East Timor's independence movement

One of the recommended actions in UA 173/93 stated that Xanana Gusmão was reported to have begun a hunger-strike in protest at the life sentence imposed upon him on 21 May 1993 after a blatantly unfair trial.

Amnesty International now understands that the aim of his reported hunger-strike is to focus international attention on the plight of East Timor, which has been illegally occupied by Indonesia since 1975.

If sending further appeals, please use the amended recommended actions as set out below:

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:

- expressing concern that Xanana Gusmão is reported to have been on hunger-strike for about a week and that he may be in ill-health;

- noting that he is reported to have begun his hunger-strike to focus international attention on the plight on East Timor;

- urging the government to allow the ICRC and relatives immediate, and thereafter frequent and regular, access to him in detention;

- urging that physicians be given immediate and regular access to Xanana Gusmão to assess his medical condition and to provide proper medical care in accordance with agreed international standards.

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Minister Alatas

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Salutation: Dear Major General Syafei

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Salutation: Dear Minister Usman

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia/East Timor accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 July 1993.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended actions. If possible, send a telegram, telex, fax or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Actions cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly on behalf of victims of grave human rights violations. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action co-ordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.